TIDBITS

Whiteville is the largest city in the county and the county seat for Columbus County. Whiteville was chartered in 1833.

The Town of Brunswick is one of the smallest towns in the county and lies on the outskirts of Whiteville.

POPULATION

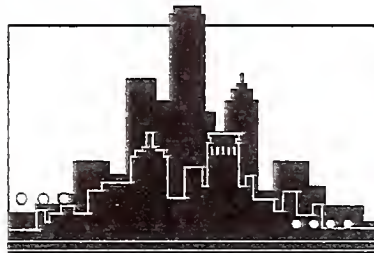| Year	County	Whiteville	Brunswick
1993	50,198	5,513	299
1994	50,084	5,690	310
2020	65,200	7,587*	413*

*Statewide Planning Projections

LOCATION

Whiteville is in close proximity to Wilmington and Myrtle Beach about 45 minutes.

It is also 10 minutes away from the State's Largest Natural Lake, Lake Waccamaw.

*Internet

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Honorable Mayor Horace Whitley has been serving as Whiteville's mayor since 1965.

- The Columbus County Courthouse is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This past year it was filmed as part of a major motion picture.

- The area receives a 1-2 punch of powerful hurricanes. Hurricane Bertha and Hurricane Fran hit the area within two months of each other. The eye of Hurricane Fran passes over the county leaving an estimated $5 Billion in damages for North Carolina after Hurricane Bertha came through leaving over $210 million in damages for North Carolina . *Internet www.ncdc.gov

SPORTS

Whiteville has an abundance of athletes receiving National recognition. Just to name a few. There is Chester McGlockton who presently plays with the Los Angeles Raiders, Otis Nixon with the Toronto Blue Jays, and Margaret Will who plays professional Golf.

*The News Reporter Centennial Edition

EMPLOYMENT

Brunswick is home to the County's Top Five Largest Employer, National Spinning Co.

Other Top Five Employers in Whiteville are Federal Paper Board, Whiteville Apparel, Anvil Knitwear, and United Carolina Bank.

*North Carolina, Oct. 95

EDUCATION

Southeastern Community College has given 30 years of Excellence. It is highly acclaimed for it's nursing, computer, and forestry programs. *Internet